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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Swaziland Bureau

INFO : Chief, Abidjan Bureau
Chief, London Bureau

THROUGH : Chief, Monitoring Operations Division

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SUBJECT : Swaziland Emergency Coverage Plan

REFERENCES : A. MHQ-5023 -- Request for Emergency Coverage Plans
B. FBIS/Mbabane 14294 -- Swaziland Emergency Coverage Plan
C. FBIS/London 95603 -- Response on Swaziland Emergency Coverage Plan
D. AB074 -- Concurrence on Swaziland Coverage Plan

1. Attached is the finalized emergency coverage plan for Swaziland Bureau. You will find that it closely follows Ref B, while incorporating London's observations in Ref C. Comments or corrections are solicited.

2. In future, MOD will be adhering to the 6-month update schedule for these plans, as stated in Ref A. Accordingly, the next update for Swaziland's plan will be due in July 1986. Bureau may wirefile suggested updates at that time, which MOD will use in issuing updated plan.

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Attachment:

MB Emergency Coverage Plan

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cc: Ch/MB, Ch/AB, Ch/LD, Ch/WSS, MOD Files (2)

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SWAZILAND BUREAU EMERGENCY COVERAGE PLAN

In the event of interruption of Swaziland Bureau operations, and subject to changes depending on the situation at the time:

1. LD/BBC would (Class A coverage underlined):
 - A. Increase coverage of Johannesburg International Service as reception permits (to cover loss of Johannesburg Domestic Service -- part Class A).
 - B. Personnel Shifts: None.
 - C. Equipment Needed. None.
2. ABIDJAN Bureau would (Class A coverage underlined):
 - A. Increase coverage of Southern Africa from AFP French and English, PANA, and Africa No. 1 with assistance on AFP from other bureaus according to SOP. Attempt to monitor Luanda ANGOP, Luanda Domestic Service French and English casts, and clandestine press agency KUP as reception permits. Attempt to cover Johannesburg International Service to augment London coverage if necessary.
 - B. Personnel Shifts: None.
 - C. Equipment Needed: None.
3. EAU would (Class A coverage underlined):
 - A. Assume coverage of Maputo, Luanda, Harare, and Blantyre radios as reception and staffing permit, as well as Mozambique newspapers, if available.
 - B. Personnel Shifts: None initially -- Portuguese team could be sent TDY to EAU in an extended bureau outage.
 - C. Equipment Needed: None.
4. LOSSES would include (Class A coverage underlined):
Johannesburg Domestic Service, Johannesburg SAPA (landline), Umtata Capital Radio, Johannesburg television, and Maseru, Mbabane, and Gaborone radios, Moscow Afrikaans.

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5. ALTERNATIVES AND UNCERTAINTIES:

Workload at EAU would have to be reexamined at the time and would be an important factor in deciding whether to TDY Mbabane Portuguese team. In event of scaled down operation, bureau chief, deputy, engineer, and a small team of experienced monitors would remain on duty. Extra TCN's and U.S. staff families would evacuate to Johannesburg. Local non-staff personnel are not expected to be evacuated.

6. VULNERABILITY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRIC POWER:



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